

Media consolidation is dangerous when it leads to individual stations being forced to air certain political sentiments. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election does not promote any kind of real freedom of speech. If people want to air a certain documentary that's great, but big corporations should not require it!

The law says that Sinclair must serve the public interest. But because it's a big corporation, it's more interested in its own economic gain, not democracy for all Americans. Communities deserve real news reported by local people, not whatever some distant big company deems important.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them--as Sinclair shows, it's important to make sure broadcasting corporations serve the public good and don't just make universal decrees (often of questionable truth). Please consider Sinclair's use and abuse of public airways and help to make America's airwaves true tools of democracy. Thank you for your time.